

Penkovsky papers

COLLINS announced yesterday the publication next month of the "Penkovsky Papers," a collection of intelligence reports sent from Moscow to the West by Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, himself a Soviet intelligence officer, before he was caught and sentenced to death in 1962.

While Collins is in no position to say so, the papers have unquestionably been made available by the Central Intelligence Agency, which regards their publication as an important move in the battle of wits between Western and Soviet intelligence organisations.

When the papers are published they will be seen to surpass in extent and detail any comparable documents in the history of espionage. Victor Zorza, who has had an opportunity to study much of the Penkovsky material, discusses its authenticity and significance in his Friday column, "The Communist World," on page 13.

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